

10. Recruitment. [] reveals that [] may have recruited GONCZ in 1947 or 1948.

11. Operational Structure.

In 1949-50 GONCZ left Hungary on AVH orders to penetrate CIC. He returned several times, illegally, to Hungary where he met his case officers. Originally he was handled by Division I/3, but with the reorganization of the AVH, he was transferred to VIII/3 (the successor to I/3). With the establishment of the Vienna Residentura, he was turned over to Sander LEMNYEL (former AVH case officer of the Vienna Residentura). The operation was run jointly from Vienna and Division VIII, and several case officers from Budapest came to see GONCZ, including Major James VERTES (former Chief of Division VIII/1, who has since been relieved from office).

In 1952 contact with GONCZ was disrupted and several attempts were made to renew this contact. In the summer of 1952, Lt. Lt. Laszlo SAS (of Division VIII/3) came to Vienna to contact GONCZ. He succeeded, but during this meeting SAS noticed surveillance. SAS immediately returned to Budapest and all contact with GONCZ was dropped. The AVH concluded that GONCZ had tipped off the surveillers and took action to try and lure him back to Hungary.

In order to accomplish this, several plans were submitted. The simplest one was to abduct GONCZ in Vienna, place him in a car, and with the help of the Soviets, drive him to Hungary. The Soviet Advisor to Division VIII would not accept this plan, stating he could not be responsible for the possible repercussions. He advised they find a more secure method, suggesting that GONCZ be lured out of Vienna and then abducted; in this manner Soviet aid would not be necessary. After this advice the AVH decided to use GONCZ's daughter to lure him out of Vienna. The plan was to recruit GONCZ's daughter (in Budapest) under the pressure that her father was engaged in espionage activities against Hungary and consequently she was also responsible for his actions. The added control of her Party membership would also be utilized in this recruitment. After her recruitment,

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and with the aid of the AVE, who are to correspond with GOSCH. GOSCH's address is known (of Division VIII/3-a) is in charge of this phase of the operation, and HILCH/1 believes that the plan has been accepted.

GOSCH has a co-worker in GIN, Vienna, a Jew, or James TOMOR. TOMOR is approximately 35-38 years old, an ex-engineer, and a former employee of the Gema factory where he committed sabotage. Allegedly he was one of the leaders of the sabotage activity in 1947 -- one case being the fire in the Eisecht Railroad Station; because of this, TOMOR fled Hungary. He became acquainted with GOSCH in Vienna and since then has worked for him in GIC. The AVE believes that TOMOR has not returned to Hungary on any missions.

Prior to GOSCH's abduction and return to Hungary, the AVE desired contact with GOSCH's net, and for this reason chose to attempt recruitment of TOMOR. Thus, in addition to the operation to abduct GOSCH, Division VIII planned another simultaneous operation to recruit TOMOR prior to GOSCH's return. Plans for the TOMOR operation were begun in January or February 1953; Lt. James EOR (of Division VIII/3-a) is in charge of this phase of the operation.

The plan for TOMOR's recruitment is as follows: TOMOR has a father, living in Budapest I, For Udon 52 (JAI comment: Note that this is the same address used by HILCH/1 in his TOMOR cover; see Interrogation Report Y-72, KAVA-2933). He works at the Budapest slaughter house and is a CP member. He is known to openly criticize the Party at his place of work, but in spite of this has not been dismissed because he is an excellent and irreplaceable employee. TOMOR's father maintains regular correspondence with his son; one of the letters which was intercepted by mail censorship contained political information. In addition, he formerly sent TOMOR several technical papers on a regular basis through the open mail. Allegedly TOMOR is also in contact with his father through the Austrian Legation, and correspondence containing espionage is sent through this channel also.

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It was planned to recruit the father using the above information as a handle, i.e., the father was also engaged in espionage. To accomplish the recruitment it was planned to send him away from Budapest for two days on an official trip on behalf of his firm. During this travel he would be arrested on charges of anti-Soviet and anti-Party activities and brought back to Budapest for recruitment. All the necessary steps for this were taken prior to [] defection and he believes that the recruitment may have taken place. After TUCROCK's father was recruited, he was to continue contact through the open mail. An AVN representative would then contact TUCROCK and recruit him using the control of his parent's deportation if he did not cooperate.

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